

## **Charlie Musselwhite and the Blind Boys of Alabama at the Tampa Theatre**

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As a huge Charlie Musselwhite fan for many years, Dewey and I couldn't miss the opportunity to see him play with the Blind Boys. And they did not disappoint! The Tampa Theatre was a great venue for the show. Club members Doug Bagge and Mark Rigsby with his wife Brenda were also there to enjoy this very entertaining evening. Charlie played the first set with his band-great harp playing on some old tunes and some cuts from his latest CD Sanctuary. He ended the set with a shorter harp-guitar version of Christo Redemptor, always a favorite. At the break between sets, I told Charlie I could listen to Christo Redemptor a million times and always be thrilled and he responded it was one of his favorites too and he could play it a million times and it would always be different. He is never sure where he is going when he starts, he blows the harp from his heart each time. Charlie also played the harp on a couple of blues tunes with the Blind Boys of Alabama. For those of you, who haven't seen the Blind Boys, don't miss them next time they are in the area. The Blind Boys are an energetic gospel blues group, yes with some blind old and not-so-old singers, that gets the audience on their feet clapping their hands and shaking their booties. One highlight of the set was when they sang the lyrics to "Amazing Grace" to the music of "The House of the Rising Sun". Very cool! Sorry you missed this evening of great blues and fun!

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